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CONTINUED CONTROL

Country: USSR

Subject: Americans held in Soviet Union

Place acquired: [redacted]

Date of info: [redacted]

Appraisal of content: [redacted]

Source (eval definitive): [redacted]

comment: [redacted]

1. [redacted] seen Americans in the USSR as follows:

- A. March 1949, at Reshety near Kansk, name unknown, approximate age 32.
- B. April 1950, at point 45 km of Bam railway.
- C. February 1949, at point 45 km of Bam railway, an air officer of company grade, approximate age 40.
- D. July 1950, in prison number 16 at point 266 km of Bam railway, an air NCO captured in Hungary and sentenced to 25 years for violation of article 58-6.
- E. February 1955, at point 272 km of Bam railway, an American named Kabean (sic, Fabian ?), sentenced to 20 years.
- F. 1954-1955, in Aleksandrovsk prison near Irkutsk, an air crew member, who allegedly sent a letter to the United States asking for a package. He was transferred in June 1955, one month after sending the letter.

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G. August 1955, in Karaganda, an American aged approximately 30.

H. September 1948-1950, in prison number 7, Vorkuta, Koshiman (sic, Cushman ?) who claimed to have once lived in Moscow. Also I Iruka or Yuruka (sic) who claimed to have lived in Shanghai, and I Robinson, underscribed.

I. October-November 1949, at Inta coal mine, an American sentenced to 25 years for violation of article 58-6.

J. 1953-1954, at prison number 4, Norilsk, an American aged 40, who spoke fluent Russian and wrote songs and poems.

2. [redacted] gave the following information:

A. [redacted] in January 1955 saw an American air officer hospitalized at the central hospital in Levyy Bereg in January 1955.

B. [redacted] in December 1955 saw an American air force lieutenant at prison number 50, Tayshet, during January-March 1953 and at prison number 11, Tayshet, during July-September 1953. He had been captured in Hungary in 1945 or 1946. He was approximately 27 years old, five feet eight inches tall, blond. He had brown eyes and a burn scar on the right side of his face. He was very anti-Soviet. He befriended a Japanese captain who was then (sic) interned at Khabarovsk. The source of this information heard, at the time of his repatriation, that the American had been transferred to prison number 6.

Field distribution: None.

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